keeping with the size of the bloom. It has even been proposed that a special class for these blooms be created for our shows in which the merits shall be truly judged instead of making large size the criterion for awards.

Have you noticed that the petals of some blooms invariably overlap in a clockwise direction while others overlap counter clockwise? We believe that this fact should be noted in the official nomenclature since it is a definite characteristic.

PERSONALITIES

Ross H. Gast our Director at Large from California was in Florida from September 24th through 30th, bringing with him a wealth of information and also, quantity of cuttings of his own new varieties and Hawaiian introductions. The cuttings and the information were distributed along his route from Miami to Ft. Myers, via Bartow and we know that his trip will be remembered by all those who were fortunate enough to meet him or to renew an old friendship. He planned to make other stops in the state, but for reasons beyond his control he had to return to California earlier than he had planned. NOTE: Please try to come back for our Annual Meeting.

Norman Reasoner, one of our Past Presidents, recently celebrated the Diamond Anniversary of his nursery firm. Seventy-five years is a long time for one firm, through three generations, to concentrate on bringing beauty to the public. Many of the original introductions of hibiscus varieties were made through Reasoner Brothers and we believe that Norman Reasoner was the first to attempt to work up a comprehensive nomenclature list. He has also served as Chairman of the Nomenclature Committee for the past two years.

NEW CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY

We are pleased to announce that, in addition to the recently installed Tropical Hibiscus Chapter in Miami, Florida, the following new chapters have recently been organized:

a. North Florida Chapter at Orange Park (Jacksonville), Florida, founded September 22, 1956. Chairman; Mrs. Stanley Radford, 2663 Holly Point Road, Orange Park, Florida.

b. The Louisiana Chapter was re-organized on September 10, 1956. Chairman; Mr. H. S. Moles, 432 Richland, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

c. Indialantic (Melbourne), Florida Chapter, founded October 29, 1956, with Mrs. Robert A. Fox acting as Temporary Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Albert Berryman, Mrs. Milnor W. Case and Mrs. W. J. Pettigrew.

d. The following new chapters are in the process of being organized: Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, First meeting has been called for November 5, 1956.